



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Waste Prevention – Industrial Wastewater
BWP IW 38 & BWP IW 39
Permit for Industrial Sewer User

W205484

Transmittal Number

343837

Facility ID# (if known)

DEP Use Only

Date Received

Important Instructions for Completing This Form

The questions on this form apply to existing and new facilities discharging industrial wastewater to sewers. If you are completing this form for an existing facility, answer the questions as they apply to its current status. If you are completing this form for a new facility, your answers will reflect your commitment to comply with the requirements as set forth in each question.

Existing facilities are defined as facilities in existence as of July 12, 2007. New facilities are defined as facilities constructed after July 12, 2007.

Answer all questions, except those that you are directed to skip. Please DO NOT answer questions that you are directed to skip

Permit Category (Select One)

☒ BWP IW 38: Industrial Sewer User in IPP POTW discharging more than 50,000 GPD

☐ BWP IW 39: Industrial Sewer User in Non-IPP POTW discharging more than 25,000 GPD

A. Facility Information

Important:
When filling out forms on the computer, use only the tab key to move your cursor - do not use the return key.



Newark America

1a. Facility Name

100 Newark Way

1b. Facility Address 1

1c. Facility Address 2

Fitchburg

1d. City

(978) 665-2600

1g. Phone Number

222884844

1i. Federal Employer Tax Identification Number (FEIN or TIN)

MA

1e. State

(978) 665-2750

1h. Fax Number

01420

1f. Zip Code

Mailing Address:

☒ Check here if same as Facility Address and skip to Contact Information.

2a. Mailing Address: Street or P.O. Box

2b. Mailing Address 2

2c. City

2d. State

2e. Zip Code

Contact Information:

Dana Pelletier

3a. Contact Person Name

General Manager

3b. Contact Person Title

(978) 665-2608

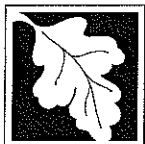
3c. Phone Number

dpelletier@tngus.com

3e. Email Address

N/A

3d. Extension



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B. Industrial Wastewater Information

1. Project Description (Check All That Apply)

☐ 1a. New Construction

☐ 1b. Permit Renewal

☐ 1c. Increasing Flow From Existing Connection

☐ 1d. New or Modified Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment System (IWPS)

☒ 1e. Existing Unpermitted Connection
(Constructed Before 7/12/07)

2. List, in descending order of significance, the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes, which best describe the facility producing the discharge in terms of the principal products or services provided. Also, specify each classification title. (See Appendix B in the Instructions)

2631

2a. SIC Code

2672

2b. SIC Code

2679

2c. SIC Code

5093

2d. SIC Code

Paperboard Mills

Description

Coated Laminated Paper Manufacturing

Description

Converted Paper and Paperboard Products

Description

Recycled Material Wholesaler

Description

3. List all sewer connection(s) and their maximum daily flow(s) in gallons per day (GPD) from your facility going to the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW):

	1 3a. Connection #	2 3b. Connection #	3c. Connection #	3d. Total Flow, All Connections
SANITARY	GPD	7,100 GPD	GPD	7,100 GPD
INDUSTRIAL	664,000 GPD	GPD	GPD	664,000 GPD
TOTAL	GPD	GPD	GPD	671,100 GPD

4. Are you in compliance with the Massachusetts Historical Commission requirements?

☒ Yes

☐ No*

*If No, You Must Comply With Massachusetts Historical Commission Requirements **BEFORE** You Can Submit This Application.

5. Are you in compliance with Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) requirements?

☒ Yes

☐ No*

*If No, You Must Comply With MEPA Requirements **BEFORE** You Can Submit This Application.



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B. Industrial Wastewater Information (continued)

6. Check all pollutants that are present in your industrial wastewater **before** pretreatment, or if not treated, before discharge:

☒ 6a. Metals, Asbestos, Cyanide, Phenols

If Metals, Asbestos, Cyanide, or Phenols are present, provide concentrations in milligrams per liter (mg/L):

1. Antimony (total) (Sb)	<0.003 mg/L	9. Nickel (total) (Ni)	<0.04 mg/L
2. Arsenic (total) (As)	0.006 mg/L	10. Selenium (total) (Se)	<0.005 mg/L
3. Beryllium (total) (Be)	<0.001 mg/L	11. Silver (total) (Ag)	<0.02 mg/L
4. Cadmium (total) (Cd)	0.0002 mg/L	12. Thallium (total) (Tl)	<0.005 mg/L
5. Chromium (hexavalent)	0.09 mg/L	13. Zinc (total) (Zn)	0.09 mg/L
6. Chrome (total) (Cr)	0.003 mg/L	14. Asbestos	<4.65 mg/L
7. Copper (total) (Cu)	<0.02 mg/L	15. Cyanide (total) (CN)	<0.01 mg/L
8. Lead (total) (Pb)	<0.0002 mg/L	16. Phenols (total)	0.09 mg/L

☐ 6b. Toxic Pollutants (See Section 17B in the Instructions.)

If Toxic Pollutants are present, provide the total Toxic Pollutants concentration in micrograms per liter (ug/L):

6b1. Total Toxic Pollutants Concentration (ug/L)

NOTE: Use the **Toxic Pollutants Form** to list individual toxic chemicals and their concentrations.

☐ 6c. Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) > 15 mg/L

☐ 6d. pH <5 and >10 Standard Units (S.U)

☐ 6e. Other*

*If Other Pollutants are present, describe them:

N/A



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B. Industrial Wastewater Information (continued)

7. Is Mercury (Hg) present in your industrial wastewater **before** pretreatment, or if not treated, before discharge?

☒ Yes

☐ No*

*If No, skip to Question 8.

7a. If Yes, have you identified all possible mercury sources and taken all reasonable steps to eliminate the mercury?

☒ Yes*

☐ No

*If Yes, skip to Question 8.

7b. If No, explain why.

NOTE: As of May 1, 2009, all facilities must meet a discharge limit of 1 part per billion (ppb) for Mercury.

8. What is the name of the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) that receives your wastewater? (See Appendix C in the Instructions.)

City of Fitchburg

Name of POTW

9. Do you have a current sewer connection discharge permit or a current written approval issued by your local POTW? (See Section 17B in the Instructions.)

☒ Yes

☐ No*

*If No, you must obtain either a permit or, if a permit is not required, a written approval from your local POTW to discharge **BEFORE** you can submit this application.

If you have a permit, provide the following information, then skip to Question 10.

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9a. Permit Number

December 31, 2008

9b. Permit Expiration Date

If you have a written approval, provide the following information:

9c. Date of Approval Letter

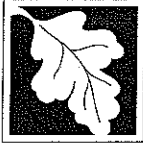
9d. Name of Person Who Signed the Letter

10. Are your POTW and local Sewer Authority the same entity? (See Section 17B in the Instructions.)

☒ Yes*

☐ No

*If Yes, skip to Question 12.



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B. Industrial Wastewater Information (continued)

11. Do you have a current sewer connection discharge permit or a current written approval issued by your local Sewer Authority? (See Section 17B in the Instructions.)

☐ Yes

☐ No*

If No, you must obtain either a permit or written approval from your local Sewer Authority to discharge **BEFORE** you can submit this application.

If you have a permit, provide the following information, then skip to Question 12.

11a. Permit Number

11b. Permit Expiration Date

If you have a written approval, provide the following information:

11c. Date of Approval Letter

11d. Name of Person Who Signed the Letter

12. Is your facility currently classified as a Categorical Industrial User (CIU) pursuant to Federal Regulations? (See Appendix D in the Instructions.)

☒ Yes

☐ No*

*If No, skip to Section C.

12a. List all the Categorical Pretreatment Standards applicable to your facility.

430 Subpart J

Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard

12a1. Part Number

Point Source Category

12a2. Part Number

Point Source Category

12a3. Part Number

Point Source Category

12a4. Part Number

Point Source Category

C. Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment System

1. Do you have an on-site industrial wastewater pretreatment system (IWPS) to treat your industrial wastewater?

☒ Yes

☐ No*

*If No, skip to Section D.

1a. How many IWPSs do you have?

1

Number

NOTE: If you have more than one IWPS, please use an **Additional IWPS Form** for each additional IWPS.

1b. Provide a unique identifier (i.e. name) for this IWPS:

Water Polishing Plant

Identifier/Name



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1c. What is the Total Design Capacity of this IWPS?

2,400,000

Gallons Per Day

1d. What is the Average Daily Flow of this IPWS? (Estimate if this is a new facility.)

1,400,000

Gallons Per Day

1e. What is the Maximum Daily Flow of this IWPS? (Estimate if this is a new facility.)

2,400,000

Gallons Per Day

2. Is your IWPS designed and constructed to meet all local discharge standards and the applicable Categorical Industrial User (CIU) standards in 40 CFR Chapter I, Subchapter N?

☒ Yes

☐ No*

*If No, you must take immediate steps to address the non-compliance **BEFORE** you can submit this application.

3. Does this IWPS treat hazardous industrial wastewater or hazardous industrial wastewater sludge as defined in 314 CMR 7.02?

☐ Yes

☒ No*

*If No, skip to Question 12.

3a. Are you treating concentrated chemical baths, e.g. spent chemical baths, or off-specification products?

☐ Yes

☐ No*

*If No, skip to Question 4.

3b. If Yes, describe the concentrated chemical baths you are treating.

4. Does your IWPS meet the requirements of "treatment which is an integral part of the manufacturing process" as defined in 310 CMR 30.010?

☐ Yes*

☐ No

*If Yes, skip to Question 7.

5. Do you store hazardous industrial wastewater or hazardous industrial wastewater sludge that is generated in your IWPS or in your production processes, in tanks or containers?

Note: If you use in-ground tanks for storage of hazardous industrial wastewater or sludge and your IWPS is located in a Drinking Water Zone (see Section 17C of the Instructions; reference language in 310 CMR 30.605), you are not eligible to apply for a BWP IW 38 or BWP IW 39 permit. You must use form BWP IW 40 instead.

☐ Yes

☐ No*

*If No, skip to Question 7.



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6. Are you in compliance with the requirements for tanks and containers in 310 CMR 30.342 and 343? (See Section 17C in the Instructions)

☐ Yes

☐ No*

*If No, you must take immediate steps to address the non-compliance **BEFORE** you can submit this application.

7. Do you have a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hazardous waste generator identification number?

☐ Yes

☐ No*

*If No, skip to Question 7b.

7a. What is your EPA identification number?

Skip to Question 8.

EPA ID # _____

7b. Explain why you do not have an EPA identification number.

8. Do you have a visible sign in place that warns against unauthorized entry into the IWPS area?

☐ Yes*

☐ No

*If Yes, skip to Question 9.

8a. Explain why you do not have a visible sign in place.

9. Do you have the required spill containment for the IWPS? (See Section 17C in the Instructions.)

☐ Yes*

☐ No

*If Yes, skip to Question 10.

9a. Explain why you do not have the required spill containment.

10. Is your IWPS located on land subject to flooding from a 100-year storm? (See Section 17C in the Instructions.)

☐ Yes

☐ No*

*If No, skip to Question 12.



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11. Are you in compliance with the flood-proofing provisions in 310 CMR 30.701(2)? (See Section 17C in the Instructions.)

☐ Yes

☐ No*

*If Yes, skip to Question 12.

11a. Explain why you are not in compliance with the flood-proofing provisions in 310 CMR 30.701(2).

12. What type of IWPS do you have? (Check all that apply.)

☒ Fully Automated Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment System (FAIWPS)

☐ Continuous Discharge IWPS

☐ Batch IWPS

13. Is the IWPS exempt from classification? (See Section 17C in the Instructions.)

☐ Yes*

☒ No

*If Yes, skip to Question 14.

13a. What is the classification of this IWPS? (See 257 CMR 2.13: Classification of Wastewater Treatment Facilities.)

☐ Class 1I

☐ Class 2I

☐ Class 3I

☐ Class 4I

☒ Class 5 or 6C

☐ Class 1M

☐ Class 2M

☐ Class 3M

☐ Class 4M

13b. How was the IWPS' classification determined?

☐ In accordance with the requirements in 314 CMR 7.05(2)(g) 4. c. or d.

☒ By the Board of Certification of Operators of Wastewater Treatment Facilities

☐ Both

14. Is the IWPS staffed in accordance with the requirements of 314 CMR 7.05(2)(g) 5? (See Section 17C in the Instructions.)

☒ Yes*

☐ No

*If Yes, skip to Question 15.



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14a. Explain why the IWPS is not staffed in accordance with 314 CMR 7.05(2)(g) 5.

Due to the high level of plant automation, we are staffing with two qualified licensed operators to provide continuous coverage during IWPS Operations. Alarmed stations are staffed during all IWPS operating hours to a qualified licensed operator in the event of emergency.

15. Is this your first permit application under Permit Category BWP IW 38 or BWP IW 39 for this IWPS? Or, is this application a request for modification of this IWPS that currently has a BWP IW 38 or BWP IW 39 permit?

☒ Yes*

☐ No

*If Yes, you need to submit as an attachment the process flow diagram and description of the principal treatment processes for your IWPS. Otherwise, skip to Question 17.

16. How many attachments are included with this application in response to Question 15?

2 - Attachments 2. and 3.

Number of Attachments

17. Have your sewer connection and IWPS been designed and constructed in compliance with the design and construction standards as set forth in 314 CMR 7.05(2)(g)3?

☒ Yes

☐ No*

*If No, skip to Question 17b.

17a. What is the Massachusetts Registered Professional Engineer (MAPE) signature date on the engineering plans?

January 11, 2008

Skip to Question 18.

Date

17b. Explain why your sewer connection and IWPS have not been designed and constructed in compliance with the design and construction standards as set forth in 314 CMR 7.05(2)(g)3.

Existing IWPS. Mass PE Engineering Assessment & Review was completed in January of 2008.

18. Provide the following information about the Massachusetts Registered Professional Engineer (MAPE) who reviewed, stamped, and signed your engineering plans:

Ralph E. Oulton

18a. Name

36644

18c. Mass. P.E. License Number

207-828-3467

18b. Phone Number

General (Civil)

18d. Mass. P.E. Specialty



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19. Do you have an IWPS operation and maintenance manual that complies with the procedures and other requirements in 314 CMR 7.05(2)(g)6.?

☒ Yes*

☐ No

*If Yes, skip to Question 20.

19a. Explain why you do not have the required IWPS operation and maintenance manual.

20. Are you keeping your IWPS operation and maintenance manual current?

☒ Yes

☐ No

21. Are you implementing your IWPS operation and maintenance manual?

☒ Yes

☐ No

D. Monitoring, Reporting & Recordkeeping

1. Are you keeping your currently effective sewer discharge permit(s), IWPS plan(s), and current operation and maintenance manual(s) (as applicable) on-site at all times?

☒ Yes*

☐ No

* If Yes, skip to Question 2.

1a. Explain why you are not keeping these records on-site at all times.

2. Are you keeping all your required records including your wastewater monitoring and analyses records, operation and maintenance records and logs, bills of lading, summary reports of all incidents requiring implementation of the safety plan, and hazardous waste manifests (as applicable) on-site for at least three years?

☒ Yes*

☐ No

* If Yes, skip to Question 3.

2a. Explain why you are not keeping these records on-site for at least three years.



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D. Monitoring, Reporting & Recordkeeping (continued)

3. [Reserved for Toxics Reporting]

Additional reporting requirements will be added to this section in the future.

E. General & Specific Prohibitions

1. After carefully reviewing all of the general and specific prohibitions listed below, are you in compliance with these General and Specific Prohibitions?

☒ Yes*

☐ No

*If Yes, read Section F and then complete Section G.

1a. Identify all the prohibitions you are not in compliance with and explain why. Attach an additional sheet of paper to this form, if necessary.

1. General Prohibitions. The permittee shall not:

- a. Discharge, or cause to be discharged to a POTW, any substances, materials, or wastewater that may:
 - i. harm the sewers, POTW wastewater treatment process or equipment;
 - ii. have an adverse impact on the receiving waters; or
 - iii. otherwise create a nuisance or endanger public health, safety, or the environment.
- b. Introduce pollutants into POTWs that pass through the POTW or interfere with its operation or performance.
- c. Discharge wastewater or allow discharge of wastewater through any sewer connection that would result in a hazard to the public health or safety.
- d. Discharge bypass wastewater or allow discharge of bypass wastewater through any sewer connection. If bypassing due to an emergency condition occurs, the Department and POTW shall be notified in accordance with 314 CMR 7.04(3). Such notification or its acknowledgement shall not be construed as permission by the Department or POTW to discharge bypass wastewater.
- e. Discharge hazardous waste or allow the discharge of hazardous waste through any sewer connection.

2. Specific Prohibitions. The permittee shall not introduce into a POTW or its wastewater collection system the following:

- a. Pollutants which may create a fire, explosion, or other hazard in the POTW or its wastewater collection system.
- b. Pollutants which may cause corrosive structural damage to the POTW or its wastewater collection system. In no case shall discharges with a pH lower than 5.0 Standard Unit (S.U) or more than 10.0 S.U. be allowed, unless the local limit allows such discharges.
- c. Solid or viscous pollutants in amounts which may cause obstruction to the flow in the POTW or its wastewater collection system or may result in interference.
- d. Any pollutant, including oxygen-demanding pollutants, discharged at a flow rate or pollutant concentration that will cause interference with the POTW or its wastewater collection system.
- e. Heat in amounts which may inhibit biological activity in the POTW, resulting in interference. In no case shall heat in such quantities that the temperature at the POTW treatment plant exceeds 40° C (104° F) be discharged, unless the Department, upon request of the POTW, approves alternate temperature limits.



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F. Additional Conditions

- a. All discharges shall be in compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit. The discharge of any wastewater at a level in excess of that identified and authorized by this permit shall constitute a violation of the terms and conditions of this permit. Such a violation may result in the imposition of civil and/or criminal penalties as provided for in M.G.L. c.21, Section 42.
- b. After notice and opportunity for a hearing, this permit may be modified, suspended, or revoked in whole or in part during its term for cause including, but not limited to, the following:
 - i. Violation of any terms or conditions of the permit;
 - ii. Obtaining a permit by misrepresentation or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts; or
 - iii. A change in conditions or the existence of a condition, which requires either a temporary or permanent reduction, or elimination of the authorized discharge.
- c. The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights in either real or personal property, or any exclusive privileges; nor does it authorize or relieve the permittee of any liability for any injury to private property or any invasion of personal rights; nor any infringement of Federal, State, or local laws or regulations; nor does it waive the necessity of obtaining any local assent required by law for the discharge authorized herein by the Department.
- d. The provisions of this permit are severable, and the invalidity of any condition or subdivision thereof shall not make void any other condition or subdivision thereof.
- e. All information and data provided by an applicant or a permittee identifying the nature and frequency of a discharge shall be available to the public without restriction. All other information (other than effluent data) which may be submitted by an applicant in connection with a permit application shall also be available to the public unless the applicant or permittee is able to demonstrate that the disclosure of such information or particular part thereof to the general public would divulge methods or processes entitled to protection as trade secrets in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.21, Section.27(7). Where the applicant or permittee is able to so demonstrate, the Department shall treat the information or the particular part (other than effluent data) as confidential and not release it to any unauthorized person. Such information may be divulged to other officers, employees, or authorized representatives of the Commonwealth or the United States Government concerned with the protection of public water or water supplies.
- f. Transfer of Permits. Any sewer system connection permit authorizing an industrial discharge to a sewer system is only valid for the person to whom it is issued, unless prior to transfer:
 - i. The current permittee notifies the Department in writing at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date; and
 - ii. The notice includes a written agreement between the existing and new permittees containing a specific date for transfer of permit responsibilities, and liability to the new permittee.
- g. This permit authorizing the discharge expires five (5) years from the date of issuance. The permittee shall apply for a renewal of this permit at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date, in accordance with 314 CMR 7.09(3)(b) for continued lawful discharges beyond the expiration date.
- h. All solids, sludge, filter backwash, or other pollutants removed in the course of treatment or control of wastewaters shall be collected, treated, and disposed of in accordance with applicable provisions in the following:
 - i. Hazardous waste regulations (310 CMR 30.000).
 - ii. Solid waste regulations (310 CMR 19.00).
 - iii. Sewer discharge regulations (314 CMR 7.00).
 - iv. Any other applicable federal, state and local laws.
- i. All samples shall be analyzed by a Massachusetts Certified Laboratory.
- j. The permittee shall provide the Department, and the Department's employees, authorized representatives and contractors, access at to the facility at all reasonable times, including during wastewater treatment system operation or wastewater discharge, for purposes of conducting activities related to oversight of this permit, including inspections to monitor compliance with the terms herein. The permittee shall allow the Department to obtain information related to compliance with the requirements of this permit. Notwithstanding any provision of this permit, the Department retains all of its access authorities and rights under applicable state and federal law.



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G. Certification Statement

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true accurate, and complete. I certify that this facility is in compliance with all conditions and requirements of this permit, and all applicable statutes and regulations. I further certify that systems to maintain compliance are in place at the facility or unit and will be maintained even if processes or operating procedures are changed. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment of knowing violations."

(I will be responsible for publication of public notice of the applicable permit proceedings identified under 314 CMR 2.06(1)(a) through (d).)

Dana Pelletier
Printed Name of Applicant
General Manager
Title
signature on original
Signature of Applicant
1-11-2008
Date Signed

William Doerr, PE
Name of Preparer
Corporate Manager of Environmental Affairs
Title
(740) 862-3594
Phone Number

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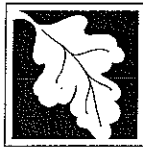
Special Conditions:

See Attachment 1.

This document is a permit issued pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 21, Section 43 and Massachusetts regulations at 314 CMR 7.00. The permittee shall comply with all of the provisions contained in the permit application which are hereby incorporated and made part of this permit.

4/17/08
Date Issued
4/17/08
Permit Effective Date
John F. Kronopolus
Name of Regional BWP Section Chief

4/17/13
Permit Expiration Date
John F. Kronopolus
Signature



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ATTACHMENT 1.

Special Conditions:

1. The permittee shall maintain compliance with the City of Fitchburg's sewer use requirements and the terms and conditions of any applicable wastewater discharge permits issued by the city.
2. The permittee shall comply with the Effluent Guidelines and Standards at 40 CFR, Chapter I, Subchapter N, Part 430 – The Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Point Source Category, and applicable subcategories.
3. The permittee shall notify MassDEP of additional Effluent Guidelines and Standards as they are determined to be applicable to the facility.
4. The documents and materials attached to and referenced in the permit application are incorporated as part of the permit.

2.3 INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER PRETREATMENT SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

Approximately 2 million gallons per day (gpd) of process wastewater is pumped from the mill to the IWPS for processing. The treatment method is primary clarification followed by secondary biological activated sludge treatment. Approximately 63% of the flow is returned to the mill for reuse in the showers following treatment by primary clarification only. Approximately 22% is returned to the mill following secondary treatment. Approximately 15% of the water sent to the IWPS is eventually discharged to the municipal sewer. The components of the IWPS are briefly described in the following subsections.

2.3.1 Surge Tank

Process wastewater from the mill is discharged to the Surge Tank by the mill Filtrate Pumps. This wastewater originates as excess filtrate from the stock prep thickening process. Filtrate from the Gravity Table in the sludge processing area is also added to this tank. A cationic coagulant is also added to improve clarification. Water is pumped from the Surge Tank to the Primary Clarifier by a variable speed pump. The rate of pumping is controlled by the level in the Clarifier Effluent Tank.

2.3.2 Primary Clarifier

The Primary Clarifier is an 80-foot diameter, Eimco clarifier for removal of bulk solids prior to reuse in the mill or further treatment. Water is fed to the Primary Clarifier from the Surge Tank. Clarified water is discharged to the Clarifier Effluent Tank. Sludge and Scum are discharged to the Blend Tanks for Sludge Processing.

2.3.3 Clarifier Effluent Tank

The primary clarified water is discharged by gravity to the Clarifier Effluent Tank. Water can be pumped from this tank back into the mill for reuse in the mill showers, to the shower water tank for reuse in the sludge processing showers, or to the SBRs for further treatment. The amount sent to each is based on demand and is controlled by automated valves.

2.3.4 PWPP Shower Tank

The PWPP shower tank receives water from the Clarifier Effluent Tank and feeds the showers on the gravity table and belt filter press in the sludge dewatering process.

2.3.5 Blend Tank

The Blend Tank receives sludge from the primary clarifier and the SBRs. It also receives floating scum from the primary clarifier, water from the building sump pumps in the PWPP, and pressate returned from the sludge belt press. It mixes these components and is pumped to the sludge processing components.

2.3.6 Sludge Processing

Sludge processing consists of two stages of thickening. The first is a gravity table thickener followed by a belt press thickener. Through these two processes sludge is dewatered to 35–40% solids. Sludge is sent off site for reuse in the production of compost materials. Filtrate from the gravity table is returned to the Surge Tank and pressate from the Belt Press is returned to the Blend Tank. Hydrogen peroxide (50% concentration) is added to the filtrate and pressate to control odors.

2.3.7 Sequencing Batch Reactors

The SBRs are fed from the clarifier effluent tank by the clarifier effluent pumps. There are two Aqua Aerobics SBRs each with a 1.8 million gallon volume. The SBRs are an aerobic biological treatment process that follows a set sequence of operations to treat wastewater in batches. Sufficient air is supplied to the SBRs by aeration blowers. The sequence followed is as follows:

1. Mix-Fill
 - Influent enters reactor
 - Complete mix of contents is achieved without use of aeration
2. React-Fill
 - Influent flow continues under mixed and aerated conditions
3. React

- Influent flow is terminated
 - Mixing and aeration continue in absence of raw waste
4. **Settle**
 - Influent flow does not enter reactor
 - Mixing and aeration cease
 5. **Decant-Sludge Waste**
 - Influent flow does not enter reactor
 - Mixing and aeration remain off
 - Decantable volume removed by subsurface withdrawal
 - Reactor is immediately ready to receive next batch of raw influent
 - A small amount of sludge is wasted near end of each cycle

Decant water is discharged by gravity to the Hardinge Tank. Waste activated sludge is discharged by pump to the Blend Tank for sludge processing. When one SBR is in the React, Settle, and Decant-Sludge Waste cycles the other SBR is filling. There are three operating blowers for the SBRs.

2.3.8 Hardinge Tank

Treated water from the SBRs is discharged to the Hardinge Tank. The Hardinge Tank is pumped to the Seal Water/Superclarified Water Chests. No treatment occurs in the Hardinge Tank.

2.3.9 Seal Water/Superclarified Water Chests

Treated water is pumped into the Seal Water/Superclarified Water Chests from the Hardinge Tank. In addition, fresh pond water treated by sand filtration can be added to these tanks as make-up water. Water is discharged from these tanks by two pumps. The seal water pump transfers water from the Seal Water Chest to the seal water piping system for use in seals for rotating equipment in the plant, as well as to the mill hose stations. The superclarified water pump transfers water to the mill showers or to effluent trench for discharge to the sewer and WFWWTP. Discharge to the effluent trench is controlled by an automated valve that is tied into the plant control system.

2.3.10 Effluent Trench

Treated water is discharged to the effluent trench by the automated valve on the discharge pipeline of the Superclarified Water Pump. The water is discharge in the trench behind a v-notch weir. Non-contact cooling water that originates from process cooling operations can also be discharged to the trench at this location. The water elevation on the weir is continuously measured and discharge flow is calculated according to the formula for the weir. Composite or grab samples are collected automatically by an automated sampler from the trench. Continuous pH and temperature measurements are collected at this point and recorded.

